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Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau Receives All Star Award

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) announced Wednesday that Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau is one of five Washington State mayors to win a 2016 Advocacy All-Star Award.

The honor is bestowed to city officials who consistently advocate for their own city, as well as all 281 cities and towns in Washington State. Specifically, AWC stated that Mayor Boudreau's recognition was awarded with appreciation for her efforts at home and in Olympia to promote changes to public records laws in ways that ensure access, while limiting undue burdens on cities.

"A delicate balance must exist between government transparency and the protection of city resources," Mayor Boudreau said. "Our advocacy to the other levels of government is crucial in maintaining good governance for all."

AWC's Advocacy All-Star Awards were carefully designated to mayors who demonstrated outstanding efforts by taking on tasks, such as making trips to Olympia to testify, forming coalitions to help mobilize a city cause, making contact with local media and spearheading campaigns to educate area legislators and the public about the importance of a strong city-state partnership.

"I'm humbled by this recognition, but the City of Mount Vernon's dedication to creating a lifetime positive difference in our community will always drive what we do," Boudreau said.

Mayor Boudreau will be recognized in a ceremony at AWC's Annual Conference in Everett on June 22nd. Other 2016 All-Star Awards for mayors went to Mayor David Baker of Kenmore, Mayor Kelli Linville of Bellingham, Mayor Glenn Johnson of Pullman, and Mayor Becky Erickson of Poulsbo.

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